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**Happy
Halloween!**

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It's time for another President's Pen. It's getting chilly. Today is Monday 9/27/1999. It's been raining most of the evening. We just completed the dog show for September. We had a lot of fun even though it was a lot of work. The turn out was less than normal. A job well done, give Marty and Ike a big thank you for putting this together.

Let's see the Hamfest is coming up in 6 weeks. Hope to see you there. **GARS** will have a club table inside for information again this year. Please give an hour of your time to man the table. That's an excuse you can give to go to the Hamfest. (Hint, hint) The pig roast will be over and everyone should have

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By David Adcock, KA4KKF



enjoyed that great bar-b-que that Marty cooks up for us.

The next time you see Marty, give him a big thank you. In fact give everyone a pat on the back. When it looked like it wasn't going to work out, we had several people step forward and grab that ball and run with it. (K4TJD, K4HCM, etc..)

The Sandy Creek scout event will have

come and gone. It's scheduled for Oct. 8,9,10 and we'll be using K2BSA for the call sign. I want to thank Earl and Carter and Rick and all the guys behind the scenes for making this a great event. This is what it is about. Volunteering for amateur radio, to pass on your enthusiasm about this great hobby, to show off amateur radio to the younger generation. You may never know that you generated that spark of interest in that young persons mind to become an engineer or a scientist. Come out and give the club a hand with these scouts, about 4500 of them will be there.

There are only 2 more months left to get

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Notice Of Special Election

There will be a special election at the October club meeting on October 21 to fill the position of club secretary. The previous office holder tendered his resignation effective at the last club meeting.

Per the bylaws of the club, this notice of the special election is printed in this edition of the club bulletin with the election to follow at the next club meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor and then a vote will be

taken to determine the new office holder.

Anyone interested in the details of the position should contact **GARS** President David Adcock, KA4KKF for additional information.



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On The Air With Clarence Upthegrove, AJ4S

By Karl Phillips, K4GZZ

This months' ON THE AIR features Clarence Upthegrove - AJ4S. Clarence was born in Wooster, Ohio but his parents relocated to West Palm Beach shortly after his birth, so Clarence actually grew up there. Clarence attended grammar school there and graduated from West Palm Beach High School.

Right out of high school, Clarence went straight to work for Southern Bell, starting out in the company as a lineman. Clarence didn't enjoy that very much so I suppose you won't be seeing Clarence high atop your newly erected tower, placing your 6 element beam into place. As a matter of fact, Clarence doesn't really enjoy climbing his own tower !! Clarence would end up staying with Southern Bell for 37 years.

Clarence's introduction to ham radio came in 1955 when a fellow Southern Bell employee, neighbor and ham (K4IYU) got Clarence interested. Clarence successfully passed his Novice test and became KN4QBV. One year later, Clarence upgraded to General and became K4QBV. It was later on that Clarence would put in for a call change. He didn't like what he got (AE4AX) so he waited for the vanity gate to open and put in for AJ4S.

While employed with Southern Bell in West Palm Beach, Florida, Clarence was picked to assist in maintaining the telephone system at President John F. Kennedy's West Palm Beach White House. This was quite an honor for Clarence. Although he would never get the opportunity to meet President Kennedy, Clarence did pass "the first lady" in the hall one day and did catch the passing scent of a very expensive perfume. Later



Clarence Upthegrove, AJ4S

Photo by Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

on, in 1963, Clarence did get the opportunity to meet John F. Kennedy, Jr....at that time known as "John John". One of the highlights of his tenure at the Florida White House was when President Kennedy's press secretary, Pierre Salinger arranged a cruise for Clarence and the other assistants on the Presidential yacht. Clarence and his wife did enjoy that quite a bit. "Old" Clarence was "high stylin" maritime mobile !!!

During his duties at the Florida White House, Clarence had the opportunity to operate the Collins S-Line station that was set up there. It was around that time that the Worlds Fair was to open in Seattle and President Kennedy was scheduled to close the CW key and send a signal to be relayed through Washington to Seattle to light the lights during the opening ceremonies of the fair. Before that was to happen, the Secret Service questioned Clarence as to whether the safety of the President was in jeopardy by closing that CW key. Clarence said the only danger might be a little "shock". The Secret Service wanted this rectified because they said there would be no telling what might come out of

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the President's mouth should he get shocked. They made Clarence re-wire the key so there would be no danger at all to the President. Everything came out okay and Clarence says President Kennedy must have had a "good fist" because the lights "lit" and the Worlds' Fair opened without a flaw.

Clarence and his wife relocated to Atlanta in 1973 after 37 years with Southern Bell. Retired for 15 years, Clarence and his wife are like most retirees as now they are busier now than before retirement. They are the parents of a son and a daughter and grandparents to 5. Clarence joined **GARS** in 1994 and has been one of the clubs most loyal volunteers since joining. He thinks that **GARS** is the best club he has ever been associated with and looks for great things for the club in the future.

Clarence owns a Yaesu FT-920, a Kenwood mobile rig, a Yaesu 2200 for his truck and a Alinco DJ-580 handheld. For antennas, Clarence has a 4 element Cushcraft with the 40 meter add-on kit at 40 feet. He also has a 2 meter/440 vertical and a 6 meter Ringo Ranger. He has recently obtained a TNC and is going to try his hand at RTTY.

Clarence was an interesting subject and it never ceases to amaze me just how much I learn about my fellow club members. That's what makes this job so fun. See you next month for ON THE AIR number 42.

Best 73 to all - Karl - K4GZZ

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Christmas Party Info

By John Sokol, K9AOK

CQ, CQ, CQ, This is K9AOK, Calling all interested ham operators, and their families, to the 1999 Annual **GARS** Christmas party. Our event will be held on Friday, December 10, 1999 beginning at 8:00 p.m. and will go on into the evening until about Midnight, both local times. We will be gathering at the Suwannee Holiday Inn, on Lawrenceville-Suwannee Road, just off of I-85, Exit 44. We will enjoy a buffet dinner, similar to last year's menu, and the door prizes will be just as grand as last year. If you have an idea regarding door prizes, please feel free to contact John or Tammy Sokol at 678-376-2798 or via email at K9AOK@ATT.NET.

Ticket prices will be \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per couple. Children are openly invited, and those under 10 years old will be \$7.50 each. Tickets will be available at any of the regularly scheduled **GARS** Executive or General meetings only. For further information on getting your tickets, please contact Rick (KD4VOJ) or Anita (KG4AJX) Morris at any meeting or at their home (770) 945-5818.

I am going to try and contact Santa Claus and notify him of our party. If he can fit it into his busy pre-season work schedule, he will visit our party as a very special treat for our children.

Thank you, and 73 de K9AOK;
John

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Meeting Minutes

By Mike Swiderski, K4HBI

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society September 16, 1999 Meeting Minutes

David Adcock, KA4KKF, President, called the **GARS** meeting at Central Baptist Church to order at 1942 EDST. Club officers present: David Adcock, KA4KKF, President; Rick Morris, KD4VOJ, Vice President; Jeff Cutchins, KF4NBD, Treasurer; and Mike Swiderski, K4HBI, Secretary. Introductions by the officers and attendees lead the way into WU4H introducing himself as the Membership Chairman and offering applications to prospective members.

The August meeting minutes were accepted as published in **The GARZETTE**.

KF4NBD, Jeff Cutchins, Treasurer, presented the financial status with a current balance of \$3200. Major items included income of \$2400 from the dog show and expenditures for a 50A power supply, Holiday Party and dog show award radios. The report was accepted.

WD4JEM, Eddie gave the repeater status report stating the replacement of the 6M loaned power supply with the newly club purchased unit. The low 6M receive issue and failed pre-amps are being researched. Lou, NY4F is working on the remote 440 receivers. The 2M units are functioning properly. The generator relay will be receiving a redesign for a more economical unit.

Win, N1TWX, discussed that the Central Gwinnett High School **GARS** sponsored no code Technician class kicked off Tues, Sept. 14th, 7 PM with 11 signed and 3 more to join. The HS Course qualifies for one Continuing Education Unit (CEU) and will be extended to eight weeks. KF4VBR's youth (9-14 yrs) class at Harmony Grove United Methodist Church in Lilburn started off with 15 students. The remaining

of the 23 signed up will be joining the next session. This Sunday, 3-5 PM class, is expected to run for 8 to 10 weeks.

Susan, AF4FO, gave a final plea to sell the 99 **GARS** Field Day "T-shirts" prior to turning them back to John, K9AOK. She also made a plea for 9 PM Tuesday CW practice session net controls. Gene, KF4NOG, and Tom, K4TJD, have been doing this net for a while and need relief as they are the only net control stations and need assistance. Their commitments sometimes do not allow them to be available for the net, they have the means to set people up to do this function, so please help them out. The code is generated by software that will be given to all net control stations that volunteer, knowing the code is not a requirement to perform this function. Tapes can also be used. Call Gene at 770-925-0186.

Mike, K4HBI read hamfest announcements regarding the Dallas (9/18) and the Augusta (10/9) events. Also read to the membership was the "Thank You" card from the Norcross Cooperative Ministries, thanking **GARS** for the donations collected at the 99 field day site.

Gordon, KF4OKA, brought flyers for the Alford Club hamfest (11/6&7) and says he will have tickets available at the next meeting.

John, K9AOK, reviewed some of the plans for the **GARS** Holiday Party, December 10 at Suwanee Holiday Inn. He requested ideas and suggestions for door prizes, some gift certificates have already been arranged. Ticket sales, \$15 for singles and \$25 for couples, will begin at the next meeting - see Anita Morris, KG4AJX.

Lowry, KM4Z, our Gwinnett EC, and Chairman of the "Bylaw Review" committee requested an

extension for his committee and membership polling regarding the possible addition of a couple more positions to the executive committee.

Ike, KE4GYM, the noted Webmaster agreed to put a copy of the **GARS** club bylaws on the **GARS** website, www.gars.org.

Barry, N1TOQ, announced a "Techfest" meeting to follow the club meeting.

WD4JEM, Eddie, requested volunteers for the Oct. 1 to 3 Lake Lanier Paddlefest.

David, KA4KKF, informed all that the **GARS** "Pig Roast" scheduled for October 2nd will NOT be a "Pig Roast" due to lack of volunteers. The **GARS** club Picnic will still be held under the pavilion on the same date, from 9 am to 6 pm at Fort Yargo State Park. All are welcome to attend, bring their own food, and enjoy the fellowship. On site camping is available as long as you reserve your space through the Georgia State Parks Reservation Line.

David, KA4KKF, thanked Rick, KD4RFK, for bringing a Gwinnett County Disaster Relief Trailer by for inspection, and he encouraged all to look it over with possibility of having something similar to store club material.

Ike, KE4GYM, and Marty, KE4MLH, held the drawing of prizes for participants of the Sept 23-26th dog show. The 1st prize, an ICOM 2100H 2M mobile radio, was won by Jeff, KF4NBD. The 2nd prize, an HRO \$25 gift certificate, was won by Robert, KG4CQF. Eric, KF4UNV, won the 3rd prize, an indoor/outdoor thermometer. Gordon, KF4OKA, won an ARRL repeater directory, the 4th prize. Ike and Marty also had a table setup for registering volunteers to work the September 23 to 26 dog show.

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Bill, W4WNK, thanked the Club and participants for their help in making the event a success.

Susan, AF4FO, recanted her conversation at Shelby with the vendor who has supplied our past field day shirts about changing the design. John, K9AOK, the club co-ordinator for procurement of the shirts, agreed to sponsor a contest for the design of the Field Day 2000 shirts. All shirt design entries must be submitted by the April meeting for final judging at the May meeting.

Win, N1TWX, made a request for volunteers to support a walk sponsored by the ALS Association of Georgia, contact Win.

Rick, KD4VOJ, on behalf of Earl, AF4FG, and Carter, KF4HLF, announced the 10/8-10 Sandy Creek Park, Gold Rush Scout Event in Athens, GA hosting ~4 thousand registered over night scouts and maybe as many day visitors. An amateur radio station will be on site using the call K2BSA, so operators are needed to control the proposed 40/20/17/15/10 meter stations. The stations will be in operation from Friday afternoon through Sunday morning with the primary operating day being that Saturday. Earl has commitments for 4 of the 5 needed rigs. Contact Earl to assist in operations or providing a rig. Bring your own food, or gamble that you will be invited to eat with one of the scout troops, **GARS** will be supplying some soft drinks.

David introduced the Membership Chairman, Jack, WU4H, who submitted the following applicants for **GARS** membership:
Russ Williard, KA4UUB
Bryan Smith, KD4HSV
Bob Butler, KG4DUA
Jeff Pahl, KF4JVD

These folks were voted and accepted into the **GARS** "family" by all.

David, KA4KKF reminded all about the weekly Saturday morning breakfast starting at 8 AM at the Golden Corral on Riverside Drive in Lawrenceville.

David, KA4KKF, announced the holding of a special election, under C(4) of the bylaws, at the next meeting for the position of Secretary, to replace Mike, K4HBI, who resigned from that position.

The prize drawing was enjoyed by most, especially the winners: Jacob, KG4BDE, a World Radio Subscription, and Robert, KG4CQF, the HRO Gift Certificate.

Notes as heard and scribed, any misspelling and erroneous information is the computer's fault. Respectively submitted, Mike Swiderski, K4HBI



Random Ramblings

"Last night I stayed up late playing poker with Tarot cards. I got a full house and four people died."

-- Stephen Wright

"Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday."

-- Don Marquis

"In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice; In practice, there is."

-- Chuck Reid

"A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something."

-- Wilson Mizner

"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us."

-- Calvin and Hobbes

"Instant gratification takes too long."

--Carrie Fisher



Notes From The ARRL

Ham radio may have TV role

Amateur Radio may play a role in NBC's new show Third Watch, which premiered September 23 (the show's regular time slot will be on Sundays at 8 PM Eastern). Several months ago, ARRL Media Relations Manager Jennifer Hagy, N1TDY, was contacted by a production company staff member who wanted information on ham radio. At the time, she said that one of the main Third Watch characters would also be an Amateur Radio operator. No word on how large a role ham radio might have.

Handy beam headings from the Web

Sometimes it's difficult and time consuming to calculate beam headings when working stations in the Continental US and Caribbean. Mark Downing, WM7D, offers a service on his WM7D.net site at <http://www.wm7d.net/azproj.shtml> that, when you enter your coordinates, will draw a map centered on your QTH and superimpose a compass rose on it. Print the map on any printer--a color printer is best--and you're all set.

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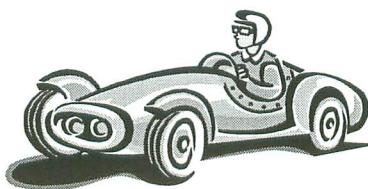
Of Race Cars and Radios

By Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

It's my turn to tell how I got started in amateur radio. The company that I work for has quite a few licensed amateur radio operators working there and I became friends with several of them. A couple of them, Rick (WD4ABO) and Cal (K4JSR), talked to me a good bit about getting my license and getting on the air. In fact, one day Rick brought a set of code tapes and a Novice license manual by my desk and dropped them off for me to study. I took the stuff home and worked on it a bit but never really applied myself. Then along the no-code Technician license and Rick tried again to get me to study and take the test. But I was busy with other things and still didn't catch the ham bug.

I did promise to talk about race cars didn't I? I've been a race fan for many years and several years ago one of the guys I worked with named Rick (same name, different person) put up a notice on the company bulletin board that he was looking for people to help out with a race team he was running. Rick had a stock car that he'd been running at Lanier Raceway up near Braselton and needed some help. Rick was the owner, driver, chief mechanic, and pit crew at the time. Like I said, I'd been a fan for years but was pretty clueless about working on cars. So I talked to Rick, told I was willing to learn and eager to help out and off to the race track we did go.

I really had no idea what I was getting myself into but I was committed and probably should have been. After starting with the basic idea was that if you turned the key it nothing happened then the car was broken, Rick taught me a lot of basic car maintenance and by talking to others at the track and reading I picked up a good deal. In no time at all I was measuring tires for stag-



ger, setting up the car for races, doing maintenance work, and got really good at beating out the dents and dings from the usual short track skirmishes. We got better and better and won several races and were in the top five in points in our division when a really nasty wreck totaled out the race car. By this time we had several other people working with us and we all decided to take a break and think about our next steps. We started a new car but never really had our heart in it and the team dissolved.

But I promised to talk about race cars and radios, so here's the tie in. After the race team broke up, I had time again to go sit in the stands and be a spectator so I decided to buy a scanner to listen in on the crews during the race. So my friend Rick, not the race car driver, the other Rick (WD4ABO) told me he had a Bearcat scanner he wanted to sell. We made a deal, and I picked up the radio from him. I got home and turned it on, he'd charged up the battery packs for me and had left it programmed as he used it. Well the first things I listened to were 2 meter repeaters all around town. I did that for a week or so and one day said heck I can do more than listen, I can get my license and talk back to those guys.

So it was back to Rick, the ham not the driver, and he pointed me to a copy of "Now You're Talking" and I started studying. After a couple of weeks I was ready for the test and headed over to Southern

Tech to take it only to find out I'd read the schedule wrong and was a week late. Dang it! Here I was all ready to go and couldn't take the test. Well a week later, I was at the Jackson EMC building ready to take the test. I figured I was on the right track this time because several people were milling around outside the building. So I parked my car went up and stood around waiting to be let in and starting listening to the ongoing conversation. Then this gentleman comes over and introduces himself, "Hi, I'm Howie, W4NVF". I mumbled my name in return and told him I was there to take my Tech test. Howie was there to take his Extra exams as was Duane (WD4H) and Steve (AD4LY).

It turned out that we couldn't use the EMC building that day and the test was moved to a different location but I still got to take the test and passed it. I remember Howie finishing his code test and telling the VE's that he didn't need to see the questions because he'd gotten perfect copy on the whole thing. He was right and I know this is hard to imagine, quite jubilant. Anyway, I got my certificate and started to leave to begin the long wait for my license to arrive. But before I left, Duane invited me to come to a GARS meeting and I'm happy to say that I took him up on the invitation.

At this time, September, 1993, friends who'd taken the test had been waiting 10 and 12 weeks and had just gotten their license. So I figured I was in for a long wait. But the waiting game was getting to me as I'd heard rumors that some folks had gotten their license in as little as 6 weeks. So after six weeks had passed, I called the FCC only to find out their computer system was down but was assured by the voice

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on the other end of the call that I had at least another six weeks to wait. I resigned myself to six more weeks of listening when the very next day I got that magic envelope from the FCC. I tore open the envelope and stared at my call. Wow! I was finally a ham. But wait, I need to make a contact to make it official.

Now my friend Rick, yeah the ham, had lent me a ICOM IC-32AT handie talkie that I'd been listening to every day back and forth to work and every other free minute I had. The battery was charged and ready to go so I grabbed it and keyed up the GARS 2 meter repeater, "KE4GYM monitoring" and I heard "KE4GYM this is KN4MK, Dean here". There it was my first contact. Dean is now AD4OD and he too invited me to come out to GARS and as they say the rest is history.

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Random Ramblings

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

-- Benjamin Franklin

"We should distrust any enterprise that requires new clothes."

-- Henry David Thoreau

"Computers can figure out all kinds of problems, except the things in the world that just don't add up."

-- James Magary

"Heredity is what sets the parents of a teenager wondering about each other."

-- Laurence J. Peter

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The President's Pen

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your ticket for the annual Christmas party. It'll be a great time too. See Anita Morris, KG4AJX for your tickets. You guys don't know what you are missing by not coming to some of these events. We'll have music and food and music. Oh, I said that already. I'll need some people to restrain Howie from the dance floor. You know how he likes to cut the rug. I'm younger than him and it's hard to keep up with him. Everyone that comes to the party has a great time. I haven't heard of anyone not liking the festivities.

This is the party where the club presents the Ham of the Year award. This goes to the outstanding amateur radio operator for club participation in all fields of amateur radio.

It's going to be getting colder before long. We'll have plenty of time to work and play on our radios. February will be here before you know it. Four months and the year will be over. This has been a great year in **GARS**. You never know what will happen. It'll be springtime and start the season all over again.

We need to talk about the nets on Tuesday night. Susan (AF4FO) needs net control operators and Tom (K4TJD) needs CW net operators. It's not hard to do. It would be a great help if you did one of the nets. The more people that do it, the less that you have to do it. Oh! Let's don't forget the 6-meter net on Wednesday night. Marty (KE4MLH) needs net control stations there too.

The repeater systems are coming along just fine. The next big operation will be the change out of the 4-port voter to the 8-port voter. With this function behind us, we can move forward with the 440 machine and its links. We'll have more on this next month.

The bylaw committee will be reporting to the executive commit-

tee in October and we hope to get this out of the way by November.

We have setup another committee for taking a poll on information about the club and your opinions about the club. We hope to gather information on what interest and activities the club members would like to see and do in the coming years. If Tom Dooley (K4TJD) or one of his committee members calls you asking about the club, now is your chance to sound off. The more we know about what everyone likes to do, the more we can plan. The executive committee will continue making plans for events from the past several years unless we find out that the attitudes have changed and we need to find or plan other events to do. So the word is communicate.

73,
KA4KKF
David

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Random Ramblings

"The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug."

-- Mark Twain

"I bought some batteries, but they weren't included."

-- Steven Wright

"If there is anything the nonconformist hates worse than a conformist, it's another nonconformist who doesn't conform to the prevailing standard of nonconformity."

-- Bill Vaughan

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure."

-- J. Danforth Quayle

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Fund Raising Report

Text and Photos by Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

Another successful **GARS** fund raising event was completed over the weekend of September 23-26. Members of the club worked the Georgia Classic Dog Show that is put on by the Atlanta Kennel Club, the Douglasville Kennel Club, and the Newnan Kennel Club. This is a different group of clubs than those we work with at the February and August fundraisers with different schedules. In fact, we work four days for this event instead of three days as we do with the other group. The extra day is a light duty day with us only manning the front gate and collecting parking fees.

While we were shorthanded each day of the event, those that did come out and work did a yeoman's job and we were successful in covering the tasks assigned to us by the kennel clubs. We did have a total of 44 people come out and work one or more shifts with a total of 111 shifts being worked during the four days. We had two people work all 8 shifts, one person worked 6 shifts, one person worked 5 shifts, and eight people worked 4 shifts. All of these folks deserve a hearty pat on the back and a round of applause for giving up some personal time and helping to enrich the club coffers.

By Sunday afternoon, we were all tired and looking forward to that drive back to Gwinnett county when our contact from the kennel club came by and relieved us of our duties. After turning over our supplies and collected fees to him, I was given check for \$2650.00 which was promptly turned over to our treasurer, Jeff Cutchins, KF4NBD.

At the October club meeting we will hold a drawing for some giveaways to reward some folks for their assistance. For each shift worked, their name will go into the hat for the drawing. We've got the same tokens of appreciation as last



"Taxi!!!!"



"Why of course, the parking for the whippets is right this way."

month, an ICOM IC-2100H 2 meter mobile rig, a \$25.00 gift certificate from HRO, a combination indoor/outdoor thermometer and 24 hour clock, and an ARRL repeater directory. As with the previous event, you can only win once, and in fact, the winner of the radio for the August event has asked that his name be excluded from this drawing even though he came out and worked two days this time around also.

In last month's newsletter I listed all the volunteers that helped out at the August fundraiser or least that was my intention. I omitted three folks from that list and I'd like to apologize for the omission and recognize them now. They are P. J. Bedgood, KF4CQV; Barry Zoll, N1TOQ; and Lou Manglass; NY4F.

And at the risk of leaving

someone out, here is the list of folks that came out and helped us at the September fundraiser. Marty and I would like to thank each and every one of you for coming out and giving us a hand and we both look forward to working with you again in February. So hats off to: Aaron Morris, KG4ALB; Anita Morris, KG4AJX; Art Smith, KE4MQX; Barry Zoll, N1TOQ; Benny Mitchell, KT4VV; Bev Bryant, KE4VDI; Bill Kaufmann, W4UHF; Bill Kelly, W4WNK; Buddy Menshew, KE4YZS; Carter Wood, KE4HLF; Charles Parkhurst, KF4KDF; Clarence Upthegrove, AJ4S; Daniel Vick; David Adcock, KA4KKF; Don Ray, KA4SFG; Don Vick, KE4QYV; Earl Whately, AF4FG; Eddie Faust, WD4JEM; Evelyn Whalen, KE4PLW; Floyd Brown, KG4EME; Gordon Anthony, KF4OKA; Ike Chapman, KE4GYM; James Vick; Jeff Cutchins, KF4NBD; Jeff Herndon, KF4ZAX; Joe Biddle, AD4PZ; Joey Vick; Kevin McClure, KF4HFN; Larry Thill, W4LJT; Manuel Dominguez, KF4RLZ; Marty Fowler, KE4MLH; Matt Gann; Mike Brooks, N4MLB; Mike Zawlocki, WA4MJZ; Paul Brisendine, K4HCM; Ralph Matchette, KE4IHD; Randy Drescher, K4HS; Rick Morris, KD4VOJ; Rob Huckaby, WB4GKI; Robert Cates, W4RAC; Sara Haynes, KT4MQ; Sid Williams, K4SID; Victor Gann, KG4DMX; Win Jackson, N1TWX.

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Random Ramblings

"I have an existential map. It has 'You are here' written all over it."

-- Steven Wright

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Fund Raising Report



KA4KKF, Golf Cart Mobile



"C'mon guys, what frequency are we using?"



"I told them that the guy in the golf cart would make sure they could park near the front."



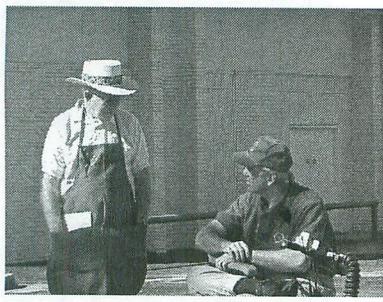
"Umm, yeah, there's dogs here."



"Delta 411 you're cleared for landing"



AD4PZ has left the building.



"Boy, these pockets are really deep."



"Just what the heck is a whippet?"



"Show me the money!"

Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

First Tuesday

Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers

Old Hickory House

5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.
Talk In 145.410(-)

Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
Talk In 146.880(-)

First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza
Meeting is at 7:30 PM
Talk In -146.820(-)

N.E. Georgia ARC

Jefferson Civic Center
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from Jefferson
Meeting is at 6:30 PM
Talk In - 147.225(+)

Second Wednesday

North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Ryan's Steak House
Alpharetta Highway (Hwy 9), Alpharetta
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 145.47(-)

Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road
Lilburn
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 146.760(-)

Second Saturday

East Atlanta LAN

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Dunwoody
Meeting is at 10:00 AM
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

Third THURSDAY



Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Central Baptist Church
Gwinnett Drive
Lawrenceville

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)

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Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

First Sunday

WCARS VEC

2:00 PM

(Except July and September)

Johnson High School
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

First Saturday

9:00AM
Clayton County Emergency
Management Building

7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

Second Tuesday

7:00PM
Walton EMC
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA
(770)498-7759

Second Saturday

CA VEC
8:30 AM
Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St.
Stone Mountain
Hal Martin, KI4RD
(770)978-9160

Third Saturday

CA VEC

9:00AM

Marietta First United Methodist Church
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave
Marietta
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ
(770)955-3171

Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC

7:00 PM

United Way Service Center
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK
(770)942-6466.

Fourth Friday

W5YI VEC

7:00 PM

St. John Neumann Church
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82.5 PL

Main Repeater Site
Oak Street, Lawrenceville

Backup Repeater Site

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

Remote Receive Sites

Bogart Road, Buford
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross
Lanier Mountain, Snellville

70 Cm Repeater
444.525(+) MHz
82.5 PL

Main Repeater Site
Lanier Mountain, Snellville

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From The Editor's Desk

By Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

When David, KA4KKF asked me earlier this year to consider taking the newsletter editor job I thought about it a bit and then decided that I was ready to take the task on again. I have to say that I've enjoyed this year as editor and had thought about continuing for another year. But as I thought of the coming year, I decided that there is something else I'd like to do in **GARS** in 2000 and that task will preclude me continuing as editor. I'm not quite ready to say what that new something is but suffice it to say, I'll stay busy and continue to be an active part of **GARS**. As a case in point, when I talked this decision over with David, I told him I'd like to continue my job as webmaster but give up the newsletter editor job.

Does this mean I'm walking



away now? Not at all, I've told David that I'll stay on until the elections in February of next year and then give up the editorship to someone else. So my last issue (this time around that is, never say never) will be the February, 2000 issue. I'm hoping that by making this announcement now, that someone or maybe a couple of people will take an interest in the job and we can make a smooth transition to

a new editor.

If you're at all interested in taking over as the editor, please give me a call. I'll be glad to talk to you about what it takes to put the newsletter together each month. And if you're really interested I'll be more than happy to have you come over and work with me as I put together a future issue.

Like I said above I've had a good year as editor and I really appreciate all the support from the folks that have submitted articles and photographs. I talked last month about the production team and how much they help out but I want to again thank them as well. I'm sure that my successor will enjoy the same amount of support and teamwork that is a hallmark of **GARS**.